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Filed : May 28, 1999 Examiner : Sarah Song
For : Coupling Device

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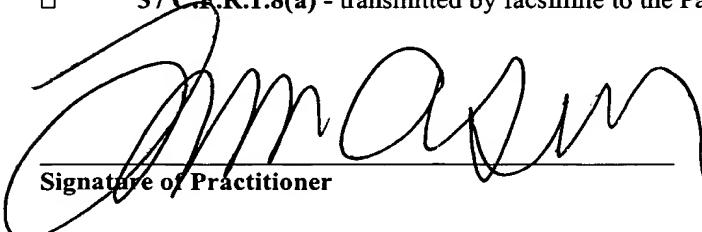
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of the issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on August 20, 2001.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
 - An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - An amendment
 - New arguments
 - New evidence in support of patentability
 - Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

Large entity \$710.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$710.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add. Fee	Or	Rate	Add. Fee
Total	18	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	4	Minus	4	None	x\$40=	\$		x\$80=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$135=	\$		+\$270=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

- (c) No additional fee is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time; the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension Large Entity Small Entity
three months \$ 890.00 \$ 445.00
Fee: \$ 890.00

An extension for two (2) months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$390.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$500.00

TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

■ Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$710.00
■ Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$500.00
Total Fees Due	\$1,210.00

PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

■ Charge Credit Card the sum of (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)	\$1,210.00
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Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or
§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

■ Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application has amended names as inventors:

■ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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